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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6124**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 36

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 31, 2006

**BILL AMENDED:** Jan 26, 2006

**SUBJECT:** Commission on Mental Health.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Lawson C

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Rep. Noe

**BILL STATUS:** As Passed Senate

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X **GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill creates a statutory 17-member Commission on Mental Health until June 30, 2011, to study the delivery of mental health services in Indiana. (The Commission was originally established by a noncode provision that expired January 1, 2006.)

(The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Commission on Mental Health.)

**Effective Date:** Upon passage.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) This bill establishes a 17-member study commission consisting of 4 legislators and 13 lay members. The Commission is to operate under the policies governing study committees adopted by the Legislative Council. Legislative Council resolutions in the past have established budgets for interim study commissions in the amount of \$16,500 per interim for commissions with 16 members or more. The Commission would expire on January 30, 2011.

The Commission would be assigned to do the following:

- Study and evaluate the funding system for mental health services in Indiana;
- Review and make specific recommendations regarding the provision of mental health services delivered by community providers and state-operated hospitals;
- Review and make recommendations regarding any unmet need for publicly supported mental health services;
- Monitor the implementation of managed care for the mentally ill that is paid for in part or in whole by

- the state; and
- Make recommendations regarding the Commission's findings to the appropriate division or department of state government.

*History:* The Commission on Mental Health was previously authorized by P.L. 243 - 2003, which will expire on January 1, 2006. Following is a table summarizing the Commission's previous and prior expenditures.

<b>Commission on Mental Health Expenditure History</b>	
<b>Year</b>	<b>Annual Expenditures</b>
<b>2001</b>	\$637.03
<b>2002</b>	\$2,247.52
<b>2003</b>	\$7,138.12
<b>2004</b>	\$4,134.63
<b>2005</b>	\$8,999.82

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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